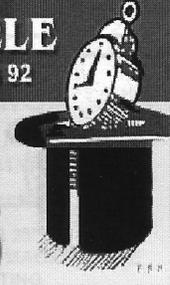




THE VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 92

THE MAGICAL MINUTES



Affiliated with the PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS -- SEPTEMBER 2004

SEPTEMBER MEETING INITIATION NIGHT AND WORKSHOP!

The next meeting of IBM Ring #92 The Vancouver Magic Circle takes place on Thursday, September 23rd, 2004 at the Sunrise Community Hall in Vancouver. Doors open at 6:30pm and the workshop will start at 7:00pm. This month's workshop will feature a demonstration of ventroquism by **Dennis Chan** followed by an open forum help session for anyone who has a piece of magic apparatus but has lost the instructions and/or doesn't know what the trick or routine should be. Don't be shy, bring along that mystery piece in your collection for some lively input and fun. The business meeting will go at 8:00pm followed by refreshment time afterwards. Our September meeting is initiation night for new members. All members, new or old, who have yet to be initiated are encouraged to bring and perform three qualifying magic effects to complete their membership requirements. At the end of the evening, all who are successful will be officially sworn into the club as full-fledged members during our secret initiation ceremony.

SUMMER REPORT

Although it was summer, magic didn't take a holiday here on the West Coast. On Sunday July 11th, the VMC held it's annual summer picnic. Normally we do not meet in July but this year we had our picnic transplanted from August. The August date was smack dab at the end of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians Convention in Seattle Washington. So many members were signed up that it was prudent to move our picnic ahead to July. Luckily the day was sunny and warm and Cheryl Wilson, Treasurer David's wife, had the barbecue up and running for an early start. The club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, beverages, and salads so all you had to bring was your appetite and anything extra you wanted. When president Karen arrived she joined into help Cheryl with the cooking chores.

Alf Spence and his wife Joyce arrived in style with the AHUUGAH sound of the horn of his nearly new looking 1924 model A sedan. The vehicle surely turned a few heads. We had several strolling magicians keeping us amused; **Anthony Young**, a veteran member, **Dennis Hewson**, our 2nd Vice President, and **Chris Pataki** a brand new junior member who shows great potential. **Anthony Young** has been a member of I.B.M. for 48 years and is a very enthusiastic & sharing magician and still refreshingly "young." Actually he gave **Joe Ward** and I, a trick called "You are a liar" that is very confusing and very easy to do. **Jens Henricksen** was just back from four weeks in Europe where he had a dismal experience in a certain area of France. Traditionally our picnic is the venue for members to earn their Magic Wand degree. A M.W. performance consists of a satisfactory fifteen minute magic show. **Neale Bacon** was up first performing as Professor pickles. He had an excellent performance and was great for the children watching. Approximately 25 spectators gathered around to view his show. Next up was our new junior member **Chris Pataki**. I guess he did not know the rules because in spite of a great performance he only did nine minutes so was unsuccessful in his Magic Wand bid this day. 24 members and 23 guests had a fine afternoon at Queens Park in New Westminster on a sunny July Sunday in the shade of beautiful fir evergreens.



Neale Bacon prepares to perform for his magic wand degree at the summer picnic

August saw the Vancouver Magic Circle host a summer public show in Queens Park, on Sunday, August 8th, which was part of the City of New Westminster Parks Board summer entertainment series. As so many Ring #92 members had left town to attend the 2004 PCAM convention in Seattle, it fell on the broad shoulders of **Matthew Johnson** to do the show. He was helped by a sunny day at the band shell in the shade of the fir trees.

Matthew did a superb show of 50 minutes that did the V.M.C. proud. 50 minutes required a lot of effects so I wont bore you with those details. Matthew is one of the hardest working professionals in our area and is always a pleasure to watch, fast, versatile and very funny. After his performance Matthew introduced VMC junior **Chris Pataki**, who then entertained the crowd of 250 with a great 17 minute performance. I'll be recommending that Chris be awarded his Magic Wand for his delightful show. Vancouver magic circle members spotted in the crowd that day included **Andrew Yeo**, **Alf Spence**, **Gary Spence** and yours truly. And the sun Shone.

Munro MacKenzie - Ring Reporter

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I celebrated my 21st anniversary of attending the PCAM by traveling to Seattle, Washington to be thoroughly entertained by this years President and organizer, Brian Cook. the 2004 PCAM convention took place August 4th - 7th, 2004 at the Sea-Tac Marriot hotel.

Brian assembled a stellar line up of entertainers including Sylvester the Jester, Max Howard, Simon Lovell, Payne, Tom Franks, Chad Long, Dirk Lossander, Luna Shemada, David Acer, **Dave Womach**, Steffen Soule, Paul Cummins, Kirk Charles, Joanie Spina, Stephen Minch, and Victor and Diamond.

Opening night saw us watching the one-man show of Max Howard who transformed before our very eyes into a civil war style character who amazed us with his unique style and magic. After the show we all headed for the Dealers room to spend some money on the newest this or that.

I could probably go through the schedule point by point to give you a blow by blow of this incredible event but if you were that interested you would have been there...now wouldn't you?

Some of the major highlights for me of this year PCAM were hanging out in the hospitability room watching the stars of the convention being entertained



PCAM 2004 winners Rod Chow & 7 year-old son Jack Chow



Ring #92 PCAM award winners: L to R - Rod Chow with son Jack Chow, Cameron Fisk, Trevor Watters, Lorena Paradon, Kelvin Ng, and Eric Bedard

by the younger magicians, David Acer and his incredible breaking glass routine (you had to be there to understand), Simon Lovell doing anything, Chad Long lecturing and performing, Payne's DaVinci Code card trick, Paul Cummings card under box routine, Lossanders' floating table, Sylvester the Jester winding up my wife, Lori's pony tail while he freaked the three-year old out behind us to the point of screaming, Joanie Spina critiquing **Trevor Watters** and Lorena's act...for free, and just seeing old friends and making a few new ones.

61 Canadians made the trip down to this year's convention of which 36 were from the Vancouver area. The Vancouver Magic Circle can be very proud of their members who competed in the magic contests. Over the years we have collected a lot of awards from the PCAM but this year just seemed to be a never-ending stream of Canadians. VMC members picking up hardware this year included; Junior Close-up winner - **Cameron Fisk**; Most Innovative act - **Rod Chow** first place; Best Assistant - Lorena Paradon, (**Trevor Watter's** assistant); 2nd place Adult Stage Comedy Magic - **Trevor Watters**. They didn't all place first and that may be good. I have always found when I didn't win I came back better and won more convincingly the next time. Special congratulations to young Jack Chow, age 7, (son of **Rod Chow**), on his awesome show and wonderful win in the Juvenile platform contest!

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CONVENTION REPORT BY SHAWN FARQUHAR

The ProChallenge was a really well rounded evening of magic. First place went to Darcy Oakes, a young Canadian magician from Winnipeg, Manitoba who had just recently won the SAM national convention as well. I have known Darcy for a while now and he is an excellent student of magic. He performed a flawless bird act that earned him huge applause from the 50% lay audience. Steve the Pretty Good took home the second place award with a very comical routine of sawing a spectator in half and followed it up with a surprise appearance of a rabbit. Rounding out the winners for the Bronze was Kate Arnold who is no stranger to the PCAM award podium. Last year she won a Silver medal and I am sure it is not the last time we will see her competing. When she does win the Gold she will become the only magician in history to have won all three awards in the ProChallenge.

Each convention has their highs and lows. For me the lows were the local magicians who were too cheap to support the convention but not poor enough to not hang out at the hotel bar and try to hang with the stars. I can't believe that every year we end up with three or four complete losers who just don't understand that if your not registered you're not welcome. This year we ended up calling hotel security to escort them from the premises. This will not be a problem next year as the PCAM is taking to the high seas for a five day cruise of the Pacific Coast from Vancouver to Los Angeles. I have once again been voted President of the PCAM and will be hosting the convention from September 25th to the 30th of 2005 onboard the MS Norwegian Star cruise ship. Come see my "home away from home" and enjoy a convention even your spouse will want to attend!



Shawn Farquhar

Sincerely,

Shawn Farquhar
PCAM President
SAM RVP Canada
Past President of the VMC
Proud Member of the VMC

Conjurers Calendar

A MONTHLY GUIDE TO MAGIC AND
EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2004
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
SEPTEMBER MEETING
7:00PM - WORKSHOP
8:00PM - BUSINESS MEETING
8:45PM - INITIATION NIGHT
NEW MEMBERS COME PREPARED TO
PRESENT 3 QUALIFYING MAGIC EFFECTS

OCTOBER 1ST – 3RD, 2004
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
WEEKEND OF MAGIC 2004
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
1755 DAVIE STREET, VANCOUVER
REGISTRAR DAVID WILSON: 604-467-7887
FOR MORE DETAILS (SEE ENCLOSED FLYER)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2004
IBM RING #92 – VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
OCTOBER MEETING
VMC ANNUAL MAGIC AUCTION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 2004
IBM RING #92 - VANCOUVER MAGIC CIRCLE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW
WILLIAM SHELLY TROPHY (ADULT)
PERCY POOLE TROPHY (JUNIOR)
BEST WESTERN SANDS HOTEL
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Since the release of our 2004 Ring#92 yearbook this summer, here are some updates that have come to our attention.

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WEEKEND OF MAGIC 2004

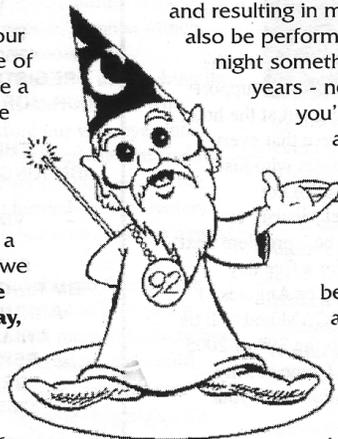
Friday, October 1st - Sunday, October 3rd



The VMC Weekend of Magic Explodes with talent once again! We are so lucky that we live in Vancouver and are able to attract world class talent to our magical weekend event. There are only a few events held in Canada each year that even come close to the excitement and value you receive at the Vancouver Magic Circle's Weekend of Magic. Something we should really all be very proud to honor and support.

So if you haven't already registered, take a few moments now and get your pen in hand to sign up to attend one of the best years ever. There will not be a Weekend of Magic in 2005 as we are supporting the P-SEA-A-M (PCAM) event taking place on board the luxury Norwegian Star cruise ship at the end of next September. The 2004 Weekend of Magic is now just a few weeks away and what a line up we have prepared this time around. **The Great Tompsoni & Company, Murray, Jim Pace, Ray Parker, Brian Cook, Stan Kramien, Matthew Johnson, Kelvin Ng, Trevor Watters & Lorena, Jack Chow, Ray Medway, Jeff McLeod, Tony Eng** and a host of magical lunch performers.

Trevor and Lorena will be doing a special performance for the lucky attendees of the extra ticket dinner show on Saturday evening so get your tickets early! We are really so fortunate to be able bring in one of the greats of magic to this wonderful little convention of ours! Johnny Thompson is a superb close-up magician, illusion inventor and highly respected tradeshow spokesman. He is considered to be the last general practitioner in professional magic, and while many other performers become accomplished in one of the areas, Thompson is regarded as a virtuoso at all of them. Both he and his partner-wife Pam are also experienced actors in film, theater, comedy and television.



So what sort of things can you look forward to? lectures you say? John Thompson's lecture will be a huge hit this year. He has influenced the careers of many masterful magicians including Lance Burton. You will just have to be there to experience the magic of a true legend and learn from his vast array of magical knowledge. And how about Stan Kramiens proven lecture on "Promoting and Booking Yourself and How to Make Extra Money at all your events?" His books have been sold worldwide and resulting in many great success stories! Stan will also be performing on our Gala show on Saturday

night something that hasn't been seen in many years - not even at his own convention (which you'll want to attend in 2005!). And what about our very own Murray! Who has been performing his special brand of manipulation magic all over the world!! His lecture spot is guaranteed to fill up fast so get there early to get a good seat. He will also be treating us to his fabulous stage show and close-up act! Matthew Johnson will be *treating* us to his new lecture for 2004 with some of his brilliant original and innovative magic as well as his sharp and hilarious sense of humour! We also have the one and only Jim Pace, known for his incredible magic effects that include; the Web, Invisio Torch, The Write Stuff, "Wand"erful and many others. He will absolutely thrill you with his 2 hour action packed lecture that is designed to offer something for everyone from beginner to advanced. Tony Eng, our IBM Territorial Vice President for British Columbia will be attending our special reception to meet and greet our attendees and guests. As you know Tony always has a trick up his sleeve to fully entertain at a moments notice. We will also be continuing our other fun annual special events that include the One Handed Cut-A-Thon, Balloon Twisting Olympics, A Game Show, Dealers Show, Conference Photo and of course our Magic Dealers Room! There is still much more to tell you about but we'll have to save that for the Weekend of Magic. Have you sent in your registration yet?

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Weekend of Magic 2004 Co-Chairman